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### **Fall 2012 - Pothole Sweeps Week** ***~Project Start-Up in Arden Arcade~***

Sacramento CA – The Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) will start-up ***“Fall 2012 - Pothole Sweeps Week”*** on Monday, November 5. Pothole Sweeps Week is an intensified effort to identify and repair potholes, and is part of continuous efforts to improve preventative maintenance activities for unincorporated area roadways. Pothole sweeps are performed twice each year: in late Spring to repair potholes caused by inclement weather; and, in Fall to ready road surfaces for the storm season.

This County-wide effort will begin in the Arden Arcade community -- which is the center of our service area -- and continue through the remainder of the unincorporated area as follows:

- **November 5:** Work crews will begin inspecting streets and fixing potholes. Residents are encouraged to contact SACDOT concerning potholes on neighborhood streets. Pothole locations can be called into Customer Service at 916-875-5171, or emailed to [www.sacdot.com](http://www.sacdot.com): Report a Problem.

There are over 5,200 lane miles of paved roadways in the County unincorporated area and it's inevitable that somewhere in this large area of streets there will be potholes. SACDOT's policy is to: **“Repair all potholes as soon as possible.”** The Pothole Sweeps Week program enhances ongoing pavement maintenance activities,



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which include SACDOT crews who are sent into the field Monday through Friday each week to specifically repair potholes.

Some facts about potholes in Sacramento County:

- Potholes Reported To Customer Service Annually = 970.
- Potholes Repaired Annually = 41,000.
- Potholes Repaired Per Month = 3,400.
- Annual Cost for Pothole Repair = \$2.8 million.
- Square feet of potholes repaired annually = 94,000.
- Repair Cost Per Square Foot = \$30.
- Repair cost per pothole = \$68.
- Reported potholes are typically repaired within 72 hours.

**Visuals to Support Story:** News crews are encouraged to arrange for a field tour of maintenance crews repairing potholes. SACDOT staff will be available for interviews in the field. Please contact Dan Regan at 874-7056 or [regand@saccounty.net](mailto:regand@saccounty.net), to make arrangements.

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